

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for positioning an element in a borehole, the apparatus comprising an upper positioning means and a lower positioning means for adjusting the plan position of the element at upper and lower levels respectively, wherein the positioning means are joined by means of a connection having an adjustable length, and wherein the apparatus defines an interior space into which, in use, the element is lowered.

2. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the upper and lower positioning means each comprises a frame, the frames defining the interior space into which, in use, the element is lowered.

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the upper and lower positioning means are provided with a guide means for adjusting the plan position of an element within the interior space.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the guide means comprises a first and a

second pair of rollers which are moveable in mutually orthogonal directions across the interior space.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection comprises wire ropes.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection comprises chains.

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection comprises link arms.

8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection comprises a pair of arms provided on one of the positioning means which are telescopically received in a pair of conduits provided on the other positioning means.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of positioning an element in a borehole, the method comprising the steps of:

i) placing into the borehole an apparatus comprising an upper positioning means and a lower positioning means for adjusting the plan position of the element at upper and lower levels respectively, wherein the positioning means are joined by means of a connection having an adjustable length;

ii) lowering the element into an interior space defined by the apparatus to a required depth within the borehole; and

ii) adjusting the upper and lower positioning means to achieve the desired plan position and orientation of the element.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein before placing the apparatus into the borehole, a temporary shaft lining tube is placed within the borehole.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the orientation of the apparatus is fixed relative to the temporary casing by means of a plurality of locking rams.

12. (New) An apparatus for positioning an element in a borehole, the apparatus comprising an upper positioning means and a lower positioning means adapted to be fixed in the borehole each having apparatus therein to adjustably move the element relative to the corresponding upper positioning means and the corresponding lower positioning means when fixed in the borehole for adjusting the plan position of the element at upper and lower levels respectively, wherein the positioning means are joined by means of a connection having an adjustable

length, and wherein the apparatus defines an interior space into which, in use, the element is lowered.

13. (New) A method of positioning an element in a borehole, the method comprising the steps of:

i) fixing into the borehole an upper positioning means and a lower positioning means each respectively having adjustment apparatus for moving the plan position of the element relative to the corresponding upper positioning means or lower positioning means and corresponding at upper and lower levels respectively, wherein the positioning means are joined by means of a connection having an adjustable length;

ii) lowering the element into an interior space defined by the connection to a required depth within the borehole; and

iii) adjusting the adjustment apparatus upper and lower positioning means to achieve the desired plan position and orientation of the element.